



CALENDAR OF EVENTS—DECEMBER 2005/JANUARY 2006



Visit the George Washington Memorial Parkway for free public programs. For more information, please call 703- 289- 2500 (weekdays) OR 703- 289- 2553 or - 2552 (weekends) OR go to www.nps.gov/gwmp. Directions to park sites will be posted on the webpage.

Schedule by Dates	
See program descriptions on reverse for more information. A key to park abbreviations is listed on the bottom of this chart.	
Dec. 17: Theodore Roosevelt Island Safari, 2-3 p.m., TRI Dec. 18: Let Freedom Ring, 1-2 p.m., USMCWM/NC Dec. 28: Let Freedom Ring, 1-2 p.m., USMCWM/NC Dec. 29: Animal Antics, 2-3 p.m., FH Dec. 31: Jr. Ranger Program, 10 a.m.-12 noon, FH Dec. 31: Theodore Roosevelt Island Safari, 2-3 p.m., TRI	Jan. 1: Let Freedom Ring, 1-2 p.m., USMCWM/NC Jan. 7: Theodore Roosevelt Island Safari, 2-3 p.m., TRI Jan. 8: Fort Hunt History Hike, 2-3 p.m., FH Jan. 14: Dyke Marsh March, 11 a.m.-12 noon, BH/DM Jan. 15: Theodore Roosevelt Island Safari, 2-3 p.m., TRI Jan. 16: Let Freedom Ring, 1-2 p.m., USMCWM/NC Jan. 21: Volunteer! Watershed Cleanup & Weed War, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, BH/DM Jan. 21: Let Freedom Ring, 1-2 p.m., USMCWM/NC Jan. 22: Animal Antics, 2-3 p.m., FH Jan. 28: Theodore Roosevelt Island Safari, 2-3 p.m., TRI Jan. 29: Let Freedom Ring, 1-2 p.m., USMCWM/NC
<i>Happy Holidays!</i>	
KEY BH/DM: Belle Haven Park/Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve; DI: Daingerfield Island; DM: Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve (only); CMCF: Claude Moore Colonial Farm; FH: Fort Hunt Park, GLEC: Glen Echo Park; LBJ: Lyndon Baines Johnson Memorial Grove; MVT: Mount Vernon Trail; NC: Netherlands Carillon; TRun: Turkey Run Park; TRI: Theodore Roosevelt Island; USMCWM: U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (i.e., Iwo Jima Memorial), USMCWM/NC: Program starts at U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial and ends at Netherlands Carillon	



Home for the Holidays?

Join the rangers of the George Washington Memorial Parkway for special programs to share with your family.
See reverse side for details.

- *Let Freedom Ring* – Wednesday, December 28 and Sunday, January 1, from 1- 2 p.m. at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial.
- *Animal Antics* – Thursday, Dec. 29, from 2- 3 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park.
- *Junior Ranger Program: Winter Plant I.D.* – Saturday, December 31, from 10 a.m- 12 noon at Fort Hunt Park – Reservations required.
- *Theodore Roosevelt Island Safari* – Saturday, Dec. 31, from 2- 3 p.m. at Theodore Roosevelt Island.



Animal Antics; Fort Hunt Park

Thursday, December 29, AND Sunday, Jan. 22, from 2- 3 p.m.

Join a park ranger for a delightful hour to learn about animals that live in the park. Learn amazing facts to share with friends. We'll stoke up the fireplace and settle in for a cozy time. This program is geared toward children 12 years and younger. Meet at Picnic Pavilion A.



Bird Walk - Friends of Dyke Marsh; Belle Haven Park/Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve

Every Sunday (except for Dec. 18, 25 or Jan. 1) from 8- 10:30 a.m. (approximate ending time),

Members of the Friends of Dyke Marsh lead weekly bird walks, weather permitting, every Sunday starting at the Belle Haven Picnic Area. Leaders assist visitors in observing birds along the Potomac River and adjoining islands and mudflats. Further information may be obtained at www.fodm.org.

Claude Moore Colonial Farm –

Gatehouse Holiday Open House; Saturday, Dec. 10, from 1 – 4 p.m.

Enjoy traditional mulled cider, butter cake and ginger cookies, the warmth of the open fire and Christmas music while you shop in the peaceful atmosphere at the Farm. (Note: Regular gift shop hours: Open daily through Dec. 21, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.). For more information, please call Claude Moore Colonial Farm at 703- 442- 7557.



Wassail Toast & Merrymaking; Sunday, Dec. 11, from 1- 4 p.m.

(weather permitting, call ahead: 703- 442- 7557)

In the dead of winter, apple trees need encouragement to bear well during the coming year.

Gather in the Farm's orchard to wassail the trees with singing, dancing and chants to ensure a "howling crop." Enjoy a bonfire, refreshments and 18th century games. If you are not a member of the farm, there is a \$3 fee for adults, \$2 for children and senior citizens. AAA discount applicable.



Dyke Marsh March; Belle Haven Park/Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve

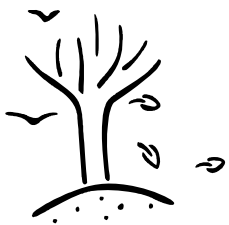
Saturday, January 14, from 11 a.m. – 12 noon.

Join a ranger for an easy 1- hour walk to learn about the natural and cultural history of this magnificent freshwater tidal marsh. Dyke Marsh abounds in natural beauty and serves as home to over 360 species of plants and nearly 300 species of birds. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water and binoculars (if you have them). Meet the ranger at the bathrooms along the Mt. Vernon Trail in Belle Haven Park.

Fort Hunt History Hike; Fort Hunt Park

Sunday, January 8, from 2- 3 p.m.

Join a ranger for fascinating insight into the history of Fort Hunt Park. Learn about the site's development and use during the Spanish- American War and both World Wars, including a top- secret mission. Meet a ranger at the Playground near Picnic Pavilion A. Park in lot at Area A.



Junior Ranger Program (for grades 3- 6) – Winter Tree ID; Fort Hunt Park

Saturday, December 31, from 10 a.m.- 12 noon

Calling all Junior Rangers! Join a ranger to learn how to identify trees in the wintertime.

Reservations are required! Meet at the picnic area by the playground near Pavilion A.

There is a limit of 10 children/session. For reservations and program information, please call 703- 289- 2552 or 703- 289- 2553.



Let Freedom Ring; U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial/Netherlands Carillon

Sundays, December 18, January 1 and 29; Wednesday, December 28; Monday, January 16, AND Saturday, January 21, from 1- 2 p.m.

Join a ranger at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial for a brief overview of its significance. Take a short walk to visit the Netherlands Carillon, another symbol of freedom.



Theodore Roosevelt Island Safari; Theodore Roosevelt Island

Saturdays, Dec. 17, 31, and Jan. 7 and 28 AND Sunday, Jan. 15, from 2- 3 p.m.

Join a ranger for an easy, 1- mile hike and learn about the history and natural environment of the island. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water and binoculars (if you have them). Meet at the Memorial Plaza.

Volunteer! Watershed Cleanup and Weed War; Belle Haven/Dyke Marsh

Saturday, January 2, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Show you care. Help keep the park clean by picking up trash and clearing exotic plants. *Note:* A Parental Approval Form must be signed for minors in advance of work. Sponsored by George Washington Memorial Parkway and The Campagna Center's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. Meet at the bathrooms next to the Mount Vernon Trail. Call 703- 289- 2552 or 703- 549- 1607, x141, for more information and to obtain necessary forms.

